

MINUTES OF  
YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 7, 2010

ATTENDEES:

Annie Maguire	Jo-Ann Sawitsky
Kendall Kyritz	Geoff Ball
Caity Lowden	Meghan Moore
Dan Wood	Alicia Sillars
Christine Wood	

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The meeting was called to order at 7:40PM by Alicia Sillars. Minutes read and approved.

March Brainstorming Session:

Geoff: Should be directed more toward mentoring than "health" side, geared toward Grades 5-6-7 and Grades 8-9.

Christine: Now looking at activities and clubs - perhaps doing mentoring on these aspects.

What would be the Youth Commissions's role? Organizing what clubs do what.

Kendall: Delegate to clubs how to get members and conduct themselves.

Meghan: What activities could older kids do and show to younger kids? Not necessarily mentoring - find out what younger kids are passionate about. Try to focus on things that are not athletic - acting, music, dancing.

Alicia: We have to realize what limitations are and what we are trying to accomplish.

Meghan: YMCA - maybe piggyback what they are doing. Need a mission statement which will be mailed to Youth Commission members.

Christine: What is the draw to go to this "Health Fair" - rides, food, giveaways???

TOPS Program: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Tops My Three Sons 3/5/2010 - 141 kids attended - great event.

Amazing Andy and Community Festival of Arts 3/13/2010 - 150 kids attended the entertainer; over 300 people attended the Festival. Karen's children loved it!! Daniel is great with kids!! Storm worked in our favor. Event well attended.

TOPS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Clash Bash 3/26/2010 - best one yet with 201 attendees!!

TOPS 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Skating Party 3/26/2010 - 71 kids attended.

Depot Spelling Bee 3/21/2010 - Alicia was a judge for this event.

Upcoming Programs:

TOPS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Fling "Catch A Wave": A Hawaiian Extravaganza 4/23/2010 - we are selling leis and taking a \$1 donation for each attendant. Donation will be made to Triple Negative Breast Cancer Foundation in memory of Colleen (Tierney) Bruton.

6/7/8<sup>th</sup> Grades Hindley Fair Night 5/7/2010 - 870 kids attended last year, getting chaperones for this event now.

Tilley Pond Model Boat Regatta 5/1/2010 - can purchase model boats at office or day of event.

Summer Camp Updates: large return of staff. 7 vacancies at this time. Enrollment for younger camp low - will send out another e-blast three weeks into registration. New Camp dates are June 23-July 9 1<sup>st</sup> session and July 12-July 29 2<sup>nd</sup> session. Due to the delayed start as a result of the extended school year, we had to issue approximately 120 refunds.

MSSAP Updates: Three new counselors have been hired; currently there is limited availability in all weeks.

Human Services Planning Council (Volunteer Recognition Luncheon 5/14 - please e-mail who Youth Commission should nominate this year.)

Family Concert Series/Movie at the Beach - beginning June 16 with Annie and the Natural Wonder Band. Continuing to 6/23 and then the Sandcastle Concert, entertainment, and a movie at the beach on 6/30.

YWCA Family Event - no Parks & Recreation permit issued yet though the Youth Commission has budgeted to sponsor the Push/Pull Parade again on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Thriving Youth Connected Community/Asset Survey Youth Advisory Team (YAT) has been formed and is meeting on a bi-monthly basis. They are

working in conjunction with TYCC Task Force (formerly DCAARB) to develop awareness of survey results, and how they can be improved. One active step YAT is doing is to host a panel discussion of the Hindley Parents' Association discussing survey results, growing up in Darien and how being over-programmed doesn't benefit any kid.

Strategic Planning for Depot: Re-do student and adult board. Vision/Mission Statement done. How to use Depot - Community Center for Teens for different events held through the year.

Old Business/New Business:

High School Carnival 5/19 one night for high school kids only  
All Clubs at high school to set up booth to pie teachers in the face.  
Will have tie-dying, moonbounce, laser tag.

3:00-5:00PM - Middle School kids can attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Clark  
Recording Secretary